GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2109
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2000
CABLE AND TELEVISION NETWORK REGULATION ACT
M.V.V.S MURTHI

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to telecast of `Kaun Banega Crorepati`, Jackpot Jeeto, Zee Malamal Utsav;

(b) if so, whether these programmes are violative of the provisions of Cable and Television Network (Regulation) Act, 1995 like Prize Competition Act, 1955, Delhi Gambling Act; and

(c) if so, the action taken or propose to be taken by Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

(SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A number of Writ Petitions were filed in the High Courts of Calcuttaand Delhi seeking prohibition of transmission of TV programmes `Kaun Banega Crorepati` and `Jackpot Jeeto`.This Ministry has taken a stand that the programme `Kaun Banega Crorepati` is closer to a quiz programme and prima facie, does not seem to attract any specific objection under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules made thereunder. One of the Petitions challenging the said programmes has been dismissed by the Delhi High Court.
(c): Does not arise.